

FEMA Seeks Feedback on “Achieving Equitable Recovery: A Post-Disaster Guide for Local Officials”

FEMA is seeking feedback from whole community partners on the draft “Achieving Equitable Recovery: A Post-Disaster Guide for Local Officials.” An open comment period will begin tomorrow, Feb. 15 and end on Mar. 15.

Disaster recovery presents communities with the opportunity to rebuild in a thoughtful, equitable, and resilient way. This guide supports local officials in their efforts to identify needs, establish critical partnerships, leverage new opportunities, conduct strategic public engagement, and make a strong case for funding in an equitable manner. The guide is organized around eight goals focused on approaches to engaging and identifying the needs of all community members and ensuring a more accessible, inclusive and equitable recovery planning process.

This guide makes it easier for local leaders to understand, prepare for, and execute their leadership responsibilities to help:

- Promote equity in recovery organizational structures
- Create accountability around equitable outcomes
- Establish an inclusive recovery planning process
- Recover from disasters

FEMA will host a series of 60-minute webinar sessions to provide an overview of the draft guide and gather feedback from whole community partners. The sessions will include facilitated discussions with stakeholders to help improve the existing draft.

To attend one of the webinars, register in advance by clicking one of the links below:

- [Session 1](#): 2 p.m. ET Thursday, Feb. 16
- [Session 2](#): 7 p.m. ET Thursday, Feb. 23
- [Session 3](#): Noon ET Monday, Feb. 27



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- [Session 4](#): 10 a.m. ET Monday, March 13

This national engagement period will conclude on March 15. This 30-day national engagement provides an opportunity for interested parties to comment on the draft equity guide to ensure that the information is relevant to all implementing partners and stakeholders.

To provide comments or recommendations to the draft equity guide, use the [comment matrix](#) and [email FEMA-CA-RSF@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-CA-RSF@fema.dhs.gov) no later than 5 p.m. ET on March 15, 2023.

To review the document and learn more about the webinar sessions, please visit [FEMA.gov](https://www.fema.gov).

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